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APPLICANT: GREG VOLGAS ET AL,

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed November 22, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

In the claims

Please cancel claims 29, 31, 35, 37, 38, 40-41, 47, 48, 50 and 51.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and following remarks. In order to expedite prosecution the applicants have cancelled the rejected claims. The Examiner indicated that claims 42-46 are allowable. These are the only claims remaining. The Examiner indicated that claim 43 was not dependent on claim 42. Claim 43 was amended to be dependent on claim 42 on the amendment mailed September 3, 2002. If the amendment was not GROUP 1700 FAX RECEIVED entered, the applicants authorize the Examiner to amend claim 43 to be dependent on claim 42.